

USER'S GUIDE

Special Days™

Spotlight Memorable Days For Relatives or Friends

<i>What else was happening when:</i>	
<i>Grandmother was born?</i>	<i>Mom and Dad married?</i>
<i>Julie won the championship?</i>	<i>You graduated from high school?</i>

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for family or friends
with your personal computer*

*Version 2
(for all version 2.x diskettes)*

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1: Introduction

What Is Special Days?

Special Days is your own personal historian, typist and gift shop. It lets you create three different documents (Birthday, Anniversary, and Flashback "Timescripts") for any day from 1850 to present times. You can display these documents on the screen, print them, or save the last one created in an ASCII disk file (in case you want to "customize" it further with your own word processor). You can give Timescripts as a gift, use them as conversation pieces, or just generate them for fun.

Special Days comes with a library of almost 10,000 birth dates, historical events, song titles, awards, consumer prices, and more. You simply enter a date and name/event (you may also enter a birthplace if running the Birthday report) and it searches the library for what happened on or near that date. Once it has found all the relevant data, it displays a Timescript for you. Note that when running the Birthday or Anniversary report, you can ask **Special Days** to use different combinations of data when creating Timescripts. For most dates, you can generate several Timescripts for the same date, each one displaying a different combination of events, song titles, birthdays, and other data.

Why Special Days Came To Be

Here are some of the reasons we developed **Special Days**:

1. There is a growing interest in nostalgia and the "good ol' days". Many of us also have aging relatives that are staying healthier and active longer (thank goodness). We thought **Special Days** would help provide an enjoyable and productive activity when we want to reflect back on times past, whether by ourselves or with family and friends.
2. Sometimes we all have trouble coming up with that "special" gift for Uncle Norman or Grandma Parker. Or we are tired of going to the card shop and trying to remember if we had already given that same card last year. With **Special Days**, you can create a personalized gift for that special occasion (e.g. birthdays, anniversaries,

graduations, retirements, family reunions or other special occasions) - a gift about that person or their life, that you prepared personally for them. You can even print it on parchment paper and frame it, to add a little extra pizzazz.

3. The kids seem to be spending more and more time in front of the TV or out of the house, and less and less time with school work or the family. **Special Days** gives them something to do for that upcoming history project or for the next visit to Grandpa's. It gets them thinking about important days in their relatives' lives and what was going on back then - and it will even be fun.
4. Most companies do a variety of things to improve and/or maintain employee morale like end-of-month parties, 10-year pins, Christmas dinners, etc. With **Special Days**, they can now show they care on each employee's birthday, employment anniversary or any other important day.
5. Many organizations are on the lookout for new fund raising ideas. **Special Days** generates unique, personalized, yet inexpensive Timescripts that schools, churches, Boy Scout troops, gift shops and other organizations could frame and sell to raise funds. SALINON offers a License Agreement for Commercial Purposes for such uses - contact us directly if you're interested in this type of agreement.
6. Journalists and speakers often need material to embellish an article or speech that references past events. **Special Days** provides easy access to a wealth of this type of information.
7. Simply stated: **Special Days** helps you do something of interest for or with someone you love.

A Related Product

Special Days may remind you of another of our software products called **Footprints In History** in that it uses large built-in history files and information about personal dates. However, there are major differences. **Special Days** emphasizes the display of a major specific milestone in an historical setting such as a birthday or an anniversary by preparing a customized document (suitable for framing) for that particular day. **Footprints** works with multiple events from one's life, across a span of time, and shows these embedded in the fabric of history. They are brother and sister products. They're different, yet if you like one you'll surely like the other.

Both products are members of our **LIFE & TIMES** software series - a series of programs that are entertaining, educational and productive for the entire family.

How To Use This Manual

This Guide is designed for use as a reference tool. While some may prefer to read it cover to cover, we have duplicated key information across chapters to facilitate quick lookup. For instance, Chapter 2 briefly highlights the installation process for those that want to get started quickly, while Chapter 3 covers it in more detail. For most users, we recommend that you use the Table of Contents and Index to quickly find the topic of interest. Then go directly to that section, rather than trying to read the Guide page by page.

NOTE: The Program Disk contains a file called **README.SD**. This file contains **IMPORTANT** information about program enhancements and new features. To review this file, put your Program Disk in Drive A, turn your printer on, and type in **PRINT README.SD**

We recommend that you save a printed copy of this file in the back of your User's Guide for future reference.

2: Getting Started

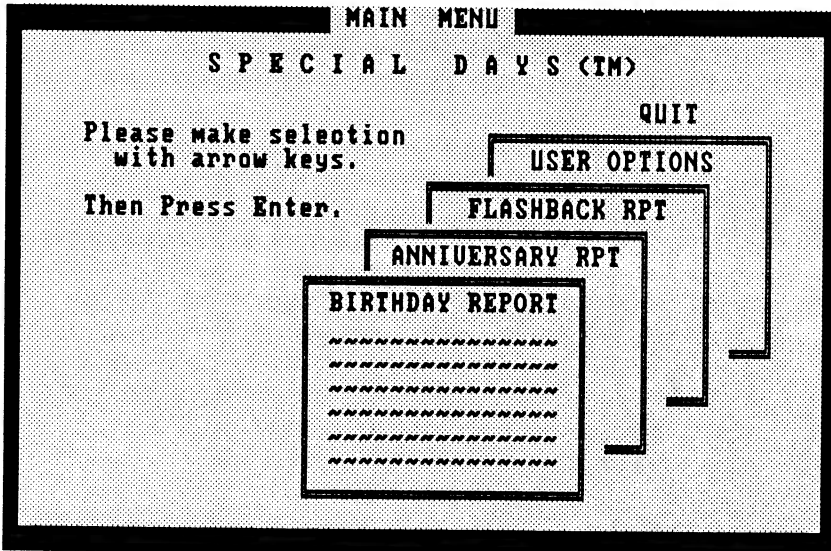
For Experienced PC Users

If you have used a PC before and want to start using **Special Days** right away, we recommend that you follow these steps:

1. If you have a hard disk, copy the **Special Days** diskette/s to it using the DOS **COPY** command (**COPY A:*. * C:**). See Appendix A for additional information on copying.

If you have floppy disk drives, make a working copy of the original **Special Days** diskette/s using the DOS **COPY** command. Then use this working copy to run the program, keeping your original diskettes as the spare. Do not put a write-protect tab on the Database Disk.

2. Enter **SD** at the DOS prompt (**>**) and press **Enter** (**↵**). There will be a few seconds of delay as the program loads, you'll be asked for your printer and screen type (1st time only), and then the Main Menu will appear as shown below.



Press F1 for Help

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3. Select the desired report by using the arrow keys (↑ ↓ → ←) to move the blinking highlight or by entering the first letter of the desired report (e.g. enter **F** for the Flashback Report). From this point on, just follow the different menus, pressing the **F1** key anytime you need help.

Function Key Recap

Here is a summary of the function and other special keys that you may want to use (the active keys are displayed at the bottom of your screen - avoid pressing **NumLock** since it deactivates some of these keys):

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| F1 | - Pulls up the Help Screens. |
| F2 | - Starts displaying a Timescript. |
| F3 | - Restarts a Timescript display using different data. |
| F4 | - Prints a Timescript. You may want to load parchment paper and set your printer to letter quality print mode if you're producing Timescripts as gifts. |
| Home/End
PgUp/PgDn
↑ ↓ | - Lets you scroll through the Timescript currently displayed on your screen. You can use these keys to scroll up or down to any portion of the Timescript displayed. When you're through scrolling, you can return to the Input Screen by pressing Esc or you can print the Timescript by pressing F4 . |
| Esc | - Interrupts the current process and returns you to the previous screen/process. |

3: Installation & Setup

Disk Installation

Special Days requires no special installation procedures. You can run it on a PC with one or two floppy disk drives, or a hard disk (you should first make a backup copy of your disks with the DOS **COPY** command - see Appendix A if you need help). The Program Diskette contains the **Special Days** programs. The Database Disk contains the various history files and space for an ASCII file of the last document you printed (LASTDAY.ASC). If you're using 3 1/2" disks, both the program and databases come on a single disk.

Installing And Running From A Hard Disk

Once you have copied the Program and Database Disks to your hard drive, you can run **Special Days** from the appropriate directory by simply typing **SD** and pressing the **Enter** (↵) key. No disk swapping is required.

Running From Two 5 1/4" Floppy Disk Drives

If running **Special Days** on a dual floppy system, you should start it with your Program Diskette in drive A and the Database Diskette in drive B. From the "A>" prompt, type in **SD** and press **Enter** (↵). The program will start running after a few seconds delay. Once the Main Menu appears, you can move through and exit the program by just following the prompts and using the function keys.

Running From A Single Floppy Disk Drive

If running **Special Days** on a single floppy system, you should start it with your Program Diskette in drive A. From the "A>" prompt, type in **SD** and press **Enter** (↵). If you are using 5 1/4" diskettes, a message will appear prompting you to remove the Program Diskette and replace it with the Database Diskette in drive A (no diskette swap is required if you are using a 3 1/2" floppy). Press **Enter** after the diskette is inserted and the program will start running after a few second delay. Once the Main Menu appears, you can move through and exit the program by just following the prompts and using the function keys, without swapping any more disks.

Special Days allows you to print three different documents or Timescripts: Birthday, Anniversary or Flashback. You can print a report by pressing the **F4** key after you've turned the printer on. You can select the type of printer by pulling up the User Options Screen from the Main Menu. You have three different printer choices: IBM Proprinter, HP Laser (or compatible) or Other:

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SPECIAL DAYS

USER OPTIONS

REPORT CONTENTS : Variable      Fixed
SOUND STATUS    : On           Mostly Off
PRINTER TYPE    : Proprietary   HP Laser   Other
SCREEN TYPE     : Monochrome    Color

F1 for Help                      Esc for Main Menu.

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Here is a summary of the three printer options:

1. Selecting the IBM Proprinter option will allow you to create documents with bolded titles and lined borders on an IBM Proprinter or compatible printer.
2. Selecting the HP Laser option changes the number of lines per page. Most laser printers have a default setting of just 60 lines per page, whereas **Special Days** requires and most other printers allow 66 lines per page. This option also centers the page and lets you create documents with lined top and bottom borders on the Hewlett-Packard Laserjet and compatible printers (if your font supports the IBM extended character set). **Special Days** assumes your laser printer is set up as LPT1.

3. Selecting the Other option turns bolding off and switches to asterisks and dashes for the borders instead of the graphic characters from the IBM extended character set. This option is designed to be compatible with the widest variety of printers and avoids sending any special control codes to your printer. If you're having trouble getting one of the other options to work, you may want to try this one.

Any time you print a document, a copy of it is saved in ASCII format on disk under the name LASTDAY.ASC. If you are using 5 1/4" floppies, this file will be on the Database Disk. Otherwise it will be saved on the same disk or in the same subdirectory as the **Special Days** program.

This file is saved so that you have the option of changing / enhancing a document before printing. You can use your favorite word processor or desktop publishing package to edit and then print it - adding underlines, bolding, changing the border, or even adding or deleting some historical information.

Note that only the last document you printed is saved to this file. If you want to print and save multiple documents, you will need to rename or copy LASTDAY.ASC before generating the next document. You can rename this file by exiting **Special Days** and using the DOS **RENAME** command, or you can copy it by using the DOS **COPY** command or one of several memory resident programs (e.g. Borland's SideKick).

Setting The Date

If you don't have a built-in calendar/clock, you should set the date before running **Special Days** (key in the word **DATE** while at the DOS prompt and press the **Enter** (↵) key. Then just enter the current date). **Special Days** uses this date when you run the Anniversary report. If it finds an invalid date, it will use a default date of 1/1/1988.

If You Have A 256k Machine

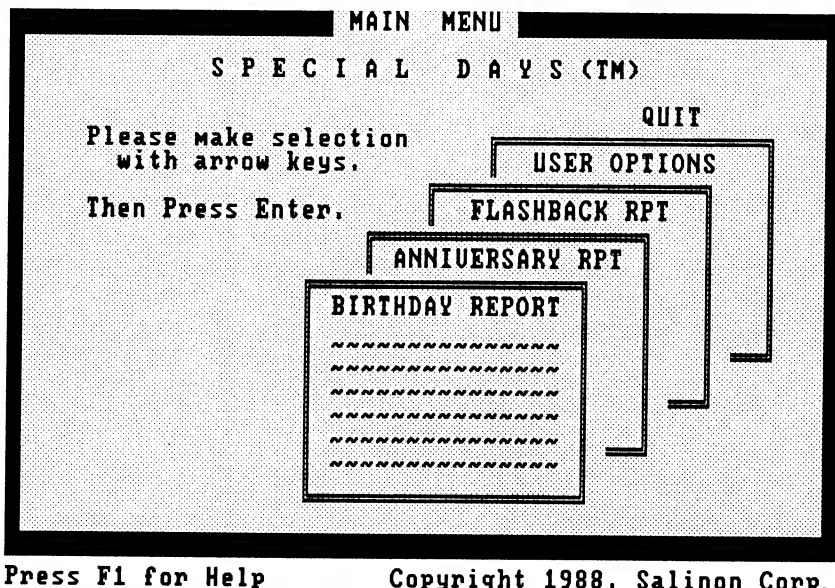
Special Days needs most of the memory that comes on a 256k personal computer. If you're having memory problems, you may want to remove some or all of your memory resident programs or reduce the size of your print spooler. If you're still having problems, you may have to change your CONFIG.SYS file to reduce the memory allocated for buffers and device drivers.

If you're using DOS version 3.3+ on a 256k machine, be sure and use a DOS start-up disk created without using the **SELECT** command.

4: Creating A Timescript

Making A Selection From The Main Menu

The first screen that pops up once you start running **Special Days** is the Main Menu:



You can start creating a Timescript immediately by moving the blinking highlight with the arrow keys ($\uparrow$ $\downarrow$ $\rightarrow$ $\leftarrow$) to the desired report and then pressing the **Enter** key ($\rightarrow$). You can also review and change any of the User Options (Report Contents, Sound, Printer Type and Screen Type) by moving the highlight to that box and pressing **Enter**. If you prefer, you can also select a box by entering the first letter of its title (e.g. **B** for the Birthday report or **Q** to Quit) instead of using the arrow keys. At anytime, if you need more information on what to do next, just press the **F1** key to pop up the Help Screen.

If you're just starting out, we recommend that you first try running each report. We'll worry about the User Options later. Let's start with the Birthday report.

Birthdays: Press B From The Main Menu

Entering Data

You can print a Birthday report for any day from January 1st, 1850, to present times. All you will need to enter is the person's name, birth date, and if you know it, birthplace (i.e. either the state or foreign country) on the Birthday Screen:

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      S P E C I A L   D A Y S

      B I R T H D A Y   R E P O R T
              for

NAME: Billy Bob Jones

BIRTH DATE (Mo/Da/Year): 06/12/1947

LOCATIONS (State or Country): TX

      Press F2 to Start Report

F1 for Help      F4 to Print Report      Esc for Main Menu.
```

You can enter a name up to 44 characters long. To enter the name or any other data you can use the backspace (+), delete (Del), insert (Ins) and arrow keys (+ -) for editing.

You need to enter the birth date as numbers separated by slashes. For instance, to enter June 5th, 1933, you would key in 06/05/1933 . Or you could enter it in abbreviated form as 6/5/33 . When you enter a date in this form, **Special Days** puts zeros in front of the month and day, and 19 in front of the year. **Special Days** also checks for a valid date and will print an error message if you made a mistake (e.g. if you entered 4/31/45 or 2/29/86 you'll see the error message on the screen: **Invalid Mo/Da/Year .**

State Code Table

Entering a birthplace is optional. If you enter it, **Special Days** will try to find other people that were born in the same state or country as you entered. When entering a birthplace, only enter the state or country, not a city. If you are entering a state, you may enter its full name, its abbreviation, or its two character postal code (e.g. **Texas** or **Tex** or **TX** are all legal entries). Here is a list of the legal state abbreviations and postal codes:

Alas. (AK)	Ala. (AL)	Ark. (AR)	Ariz. (AZ)
Cal. (CA)	Colo. (CO)	Conn. (CT)	D.C. (DC)
Del. (DE)	Fla. (FL)	Geor. (GA)	Ha. (HI)
Iowa (IA)	Ida. (ID)	Ill. (IL)	Ind. (IN)
Kans. (KS)	Ken. (KY)	Lou. (LA)	Mass. (MA)
MId. (MD)	Maine (ME)	Mich. (MI)	Minn. (MN)
Misou. (MO)	Miss. (MS)	Mont. (MT)	N.C. (NC)
N.D. (ND)	Nebr. (NE)	N.H. (NH)	N.J. (NJ)
N.M. (NM)	Nev. (NV)	N.Y. (NY)	Ohio (OH)
Okla. (OK)	Ore. (OR)	Penn. (PA)	R.I. (RI)
S.C. (SC)	S.D. (SD)	Tenn. (TN)	Tex. (TX)
Utah (UT)	Vir. (VA)	Ver. (VT)	Wash. (WA)
Wis. (WI)	W.Vir. (WV)	Wyo. (WY)	

Foreign Country Table

Special Days has the names and birthdays of various people born in each of the following places (as well as in each of the 50 states):

Africa	Algeria	Argentina	Australia
Austria	Belgium	Bohemia	Brazil
Canada	China	Cuba	Czechoslov.
Denmark	Egypt	England	France
Germany	Greece	Hungary	India
Indonesia	Ireland	Israel	Italy
Jamaica	Japan	Lithuania	Luxembourg
Mexico	Monaco	Moravia	N. Ireland
Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway	Palestine
Peru	Philippines	Poland	Portugal
Puerto Rico	Romania	Russia	S. Africa
Scotland	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland
Turkey	Wales		

If you enter an invalid state or country, or leave the Birthplace blank, **Special Days** will substitute other data on the report in place of the "Familiar Faces From Your Home State / Country" section.

Generating Reports

Once you have entered the birthplace, pressing the **Enter** (↵) key will tell **Special Days** to create a Timescript. If you want to leave the birthplace blank, just press the **F2** key after you've entered the date to begin creating a report.

As the document is created, the top portion is displayed on the screen and the balance is stored in memory. You can track **Special Days** progress in creating the document by checking the Completion Graph at the bottom of the screen. If you need to exit back to the previous screen at any time, just press the **Esc** key.

Once **Special Days** has created the entire document, you can scroll through any portion of it by using the following keys: **Home**, **End**, **PgUp**, **PgDn** and the arrow (↑ ↓) keys. Don't press the **NumLock** key since it will deactivate these keys.

Note that pressing the **F4** key prints a report. Once this key is pressed, **Special Days** will print on your printer the last Timescript displayed on the screen. If you press **F4** before displaying a report (before pressing **F2**), **Special Days** will display the report on the screen as it prints the report on your printer. As the report is printed, it is also saved in an ASCII disk file (LASTDAY.ASC). **Special Days** only saves the last document printed in the ASCII file.

Another key you might be interested in is the **F3** key. Pressing it creates a Timescript with different data than used last time for that date (pressing **F2** creates another Timescript using the same data). That is, pressing the **F3** key lets you create multiple Timescripts for the same date containing different combinations of data (experiment with it to see the variety of data you can get for a particular date). Pressing **F3** temporarily overrides the Report Contents setting if set to **FIXED**.

When you're through viewing a particular Timescript, you can go back to the Birthday Input Screen by just pressing the **Esc** key.

Anniversaries: Press A From The Main Menu

To create an Anniversary Timescript, all you will need to enter is the person's (or persons') name/s and anniversary date on this screen:

S P E C I A L D A Y S**A N N I V E R S A R Y R E P O R T****for****NAME: John & Mary Smith****ANNIVERSARY (Mo/Da/Year): 03/24/1923****Press F2 to Start Report****F1 for Help F4 to Print Report Esc for Main Menu.**

You can print an Anniversary Timescript for any day from January 1st, 1850 to present times. Two different formats are used, depending on the date you enter.

If you enter a date before 1/1/1986, you'll get the traditional anniversary format that highlights data spanning at least three years following your original anniversary date.

If you enter a date after 12/31/1985, you'll get a modified format (similar to the Flashback report) that highlights only events and data for that year. This modified format is used when sufficient data for the traditional anniversary format is not available.

Just as in the Birthday report, you can enter a name up to 44 characters long. The same editing features, function keys and date entry shortcuts work here as they did for Birthdays.

Flashbacks: Press F From The Main Menu

To create a Flashback report, you will need to enter an event title (up to 50 characters long) and an event date on the Flashback Screen:

S P E C I A L D A Y S

F L A S H B A C K R E P O R T

for

EUEENT: Grandpa O'Carr#Arrived From Ireland

EUEENT DATE (Mo/Da/Year): 08/12/1884

Press F2 to Start Report

F1 for Help F4 to Print Report Esc for Main Menu.

Special Days displays all the data it has for a date in the Flashback report until it fills up a page. Therefore, the data contents of the report will always be the same for a particular date and the F3 key is not active. You can create a Flashback document for any day from 1/1/1850 to present times.

You can create a two line title to display on a Flashback Timescript by entering the "#" sign in the Event title field above. For example, entering **Grandpa O'Carr Arrived From Ireland** will create a single line title on your report. Entering **Grandpa O'Carr#Arrived From Ireland** will create a two line title:

Grandpa O'Carr
Arrived From Ireland

The same editing and report interrupt / scrolling features work here as they did in the other two reports.

5: User Options Screen

Press **U** From The Main Menu

The User Options Screen allows you to change **Special Days** defaults for Report Contents, Sound, Printer Type and Screen Type.

You can access the User Options Screen from the Main Menu. If you are on one of the Timescript Screens, just press the **Esc** key to return to the Main Menu. Once the Main Menu is displayed, you can move the flashing highlight to the User Options box with the arrow keys (**↑ ↓ → ←**) and pop the screen up by pressing **Enter** (**↵**). Or you can simply enter the letter **U** to display the User Options Screen:

SPECIAL DAYS

USER OPTIONS

REPORT CONTENTS :	Variable	Fixed
SOUND STATUS :	On	Mostly Off
PRINTER TYPE :	Proprinter	HP Laser Other
SCREEN TYPE :	Monochrome	Color

F1 for Help

Esc for Main Menu

Selecting Different Data

The REPORT CONTENTS is preset to VARIABLE when you first get **Special Days**. This means that every time you start **Special Days**, a different combination of data will be used for a particular date. That is, you can run a report for your birth date, exit the program, restart it, run the same report again, and get different data displayed. If you wish to change this so that the same data will be displayed each time you

generate a report for a particular date, you can select the FIXED option for the REPORT CONTENTS.

To make this selection, move the cursor to the REPORT CONTENTS line with the up and down arrow keys (↑ ↓). Then press the right arrow (→) key to move the highlight from VARIABLE to FIXED. This changes the default setting. **Special Days** will now use the same data when generating a report for a particular date (unless you press the F3 key) until you change this field again.

Turning The Sound On Or Off

The next field on the User Options Screen is SOUND STATUS. It is preset to ON - so every time you run a report it will beep as it pulls in different screens. If this beeping becomes a bit annoying, you can turn SOUND STATUS to MOSTLY OFF by using the arrow keys (↑ ↓ ← →) to move the highlight to the MOSTLY OFF position. This will turn almost all of the sound off. Note that the SOUND will now remain MOSTLY OFF, even if you exit the program and start it up again a week later, until you come back to this screen and change its setting.

Changing The Printer Type

The first time you run **Special Days**, it asks you to specify your printer type (if you're not sure what you have, press 1 for Proprinter). It will then stay preset to this printer type until you select a different one by using the arrow keys as described above. Once you have selected the appropriate printer, you print a report by pressing the F4 key from one of the Timescript menus. Please be sure your printer is on before pressing F4. Note that anytime you print a document, a copy of it is stored in an ASCII disk file called LASTDAY.ASC (only the last document you printed is stored - see Chapter 3 for more details). Here is a summary of the three printer options:

Proprinter

Selecting the IBM Proprinter option will allow you to create documents with bolded titles and lined borders on an IBM Proprinter or compatible printer.

HP Laser

Selecting the HP Laser option changes the number of lines per page. Most laser printers have a default setting of just 60 lines per page, whereas **Special Days** requires and most other printers allow 66 lines per page. This option also centers the page and lets you create documents with lined top and bottom borders on the Hewlett-Packard Laserjet and compatible printers (if your font supports the IBM extended character set).

Note that we have provided a font on the Program Disk, FT10.SFP, that allows you to print **Special Days** Timescripts on your laser printer using the IBM extended character set for the borders. To copy this font to your printer, verify that your printer is turned on and that it is set up as LPT1. Then insert the Program Disk and key in **LASERSD** from the DOS prompt. Once the font is downloaded, enter **SD**, press **Enter**, select the **HP Laser** option on the User Options Screen, and you'll be all set to go.

The laser font included on the Program Disk is furnished by Orbit Enterprises, Inc. at no charge. Orbit provides software for the HP Laser printers (and compatibles). For more information on their software products, contact them directly at: Orbit Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 2875, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138, 312-469-3405.

Other

Selecting the Other option turns bolding off and switches to asterisks and dashes for the borders instead of the IBM extended character set. This option is designed to be compatible with the widest variety of printers and avoids sending any special control codes to your printer. If you're having trouble getting one of the other options to work, you may want to try this one (at some sacrifice of appearance).

Parchment Paper For Your Printer

When using **Special Days** to create a personalized gift for a relative or friend, we recommend that you print on parchment computer paper. This paper gives Timescripts a more nostalgic appearance. While many computer dealers sell this paper, if you're having trouble finding it, try calling one of the companies listed here. They will gladly take your order over the phone:

- Demco, Madison, WI and Fresno, CA. They currently sell 120 page packets of 24 lb., 8 1/2" x 11", fan-fold parchment computer paper in four different colors. You can reach them at 800-356-1200.
- Power Up!, San Mateo, CA. They currently sell 100 page packets of heavy weight, 8 1/2" x 11", fan-fold parchment computer paper. They also sell 250 page packets of single sheet parchment for laser printers. You can reach them at 800-851-2917 (or if in California, at 800-223-1479).

Changing The Screen Type

The first time you run **Special Days**, it asks you to specify your monitor type. It will then stay preset to this monitor type until you change it.

To change it, use the arrow keys to select between either a monochrome monitor or a color one in the SCREEN TYPE field. Regardless of what type of color monitor you have (CGA, EGA, VGA), selecting the color option will normally give you a brighter, more interesting screen display.

6: What To Do In Case Of Problems

First Try The Help Screens

If you're having a problem with **Special Days**, we recommend that you first pull up the Help Screens by pressing the F1 key. Each Help Screen contains topics and explanations that directly address where you are in the program. For instance, you'll get a different Help Screen if you're at the Main Menu than you will at the User Options Screen. The topics are listed on the left-hand side of the screen. The explanation for the topic currently highlighted is listed on the right-hand side. You can quickly select the topic you're trying to find an explanation for by using the up and down arrow keys (↑ ↓).

Common Problems & Solutions

If the Help Screens aren't "helping" or if you can't even get **Special Days** to start running, see if you can find the error message in this section. When you find it, you'll see the possible cause/s of that error described and the suggested remedies.

If you are getting an error message not contained in this chapter, please verify that you are running on an IBM PC or truly compatible computer with 256k of available memory and the DOS 2.1 (or later version) operating system.

Here are some of the error messages you may encounter:

Bad command or file name

CAUSE:	Misspelled SD when typing it in.
REMEDY:	Type it in again and press Enter .

CAUSE:	Wrong disk in drive A, not finding SD .
REMEDY:	Check that you have inserted the Program Diskette in drive A. Re-type SD .

CAUSE: Running off of hard disk but logged under the wrong subdirectory, not finding **SD**, or **SD** not copied onto your hard disk.

REMEDY: Check and be sure you are in the subdirectory with the "sd.exe" file. Enter **dir** and press **Enter** to find out what directory you are in. Change directories or copy SD.EXE to your hard disk, then re-type **SD** and press **Enter**.

**Could not find the SPECIAL DAYS Database Disk.
Ending SPECIAL DAYS (tm).**

CAUSE: You are running off of dual floppies and have not inserted your Database Diskette in drive B, or your drive door is open.

REMEDY: Insert the diskette, close the drive door, rerun **Special Days**.

CAUSE: You are running off of a single floppy system and have not inserted your Database Diskette in drive A, or your drive door is open.

REMEDY: Insert the diskette, close the drive door, rerun the program.

CAUSE: You have an unusual disk configuration on your computer (e.g. multiple hard drives).

REMEDY: Copy the **Special Days** disks to your primary hard disk and rerun it.

CAUSE: You have erased a file **Special Days** is trying to access.

REMEDY: Get out your original **Special Days** disks and either recopy the file that is missing (if you know which one it is) or recopy all the disks to restore the missing file/s.

Data error when trying to copy diskette

- CAUSE: Diskette is in drive incorrectly.
REMEDY: Remove diskette from drive and re-insert.
 Try copying again.
- CAUSE: Bad disk drive.
REMEDY: Remove diskette and try copying it on
 another machine or in another drive.
- CAUSE: Bad diskette.
REMEDY: Go back to your original **Special Days**
 diskettes and make another working copy
 from them.

Device Fault in module LTSDAY (or)
Device Timeout in module LTSDAY (or)
Device Unavailable in module LTSDAY
Hit any key to return to your system

- CAUSE: Your printer is not turned on or your disk
 drive door is open.
REMEDY: Turn your printer on or close your drive's
 door - restart **Special Days**.

Disk Full in module LTSDAY
Hit any key to return to your system

- CAUSE: Some additional files have been copied
 onto your Database Disk or your hard disk
 is out of space.
REMEDY: Erase unneeded files and restart.

Disk Media Error

- CAUSE:** Bad diskette or diskette is not centered properly in the disk drive.
- REMEDY:** Remove the diskette and re-insert it or insert it in a different drive. If you're still getting the problem, go back to your original **Special Days** diskettes and make a fresh working copy.

Disk Not Ready

- CAUSE:** Disk drive door is open or diskette is in the wrong drive.
- REMEDY:** Close disk drive door or put diskette in other drive.

Disk Write Protected

- CAUSE:** Write protect tab is on the disk.
- REMEDY:** Remove the write tab and hit any key to continue running. You can put a write tab on your Program Disk, but must leave it off your Database Disk.

Load Database Disk in Drive A (or B) and Press Any Key

- CAUSE:** You have not inserted your Database Diskette or your drive door is open.
- REMEDY:** Insert the diskette, close the drive door and press **Enter** (↵).
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- CAUSE:** You have erased a file **Special Days** is trying to access.
- REMEDY:** Get out your original **Special Days** disks and either recopy the file that is missing (if you know which one it is) or recopy all the disks to restore the missing file/s.

No error message, it is just not doing anything

CAUSE: You have not pressed the appropriate function key or the **Enter** key to tell the system what you want to do.

REMEDY: Pressing **F1** will pull up the Help Screen so you can review your different options.

If you're on one of the report menus, **F2** will start the report display (after you've entered the date) and **Esc** will return to the previous screen.

If you're on the Main Menu, pressing **Q** will get you out of **Special Days** or pressing **B, A, F** or **U** will bring up that particular screen.

CAUSE: You have inadvertently pressed the **Num Lock** key, which turns the arrow, **PgUp**, **PgDn**, **Home** and **End** keys off.

REMEDY: Press **NumLock** to turn these keys back on.

CAUSE: Your computer is not IBM PC compatible or you are not using DOS 2.1 or a later version of the operating system.

REMEDY: Use a different computer or upgrade your operating system to DOS 2.1 or higher.

CAUSE: The system has "crashed" because of a power surge or some other reason.

REMEDY: Press 3 keys simultaneously to reboot your system: **Ctrl / Alt / Del**. Then restart **Special Days**.

**Not ready error reading drive A
Abort, Retry, Ignore ?**

CAUSE:	No diskette in drive A.
REMEDY:	Insert Program Diskette in drive A, close door, type in R for retry.
CAUSE:	Diskette in drive A but door not closed.
REMEDY:	Close door of disk drive and type R for retry.
CAUSE:	Write protect tab on disk.
REMEDY:	Remove write protect tab and type R for retry.
CAUSE:	Diskette in upside down.
REMEDY:	Remove diskette and turn it over so the label on the disk is face up. Re-insert, close door, type R for retry.

Trying to print a Timescript and nothing is happening

CAUSE:	Printer is not turned on or is not on-line.
REMEDY:	Turn printer on or press the on-line button.
CAUSE:	Your system is directing printer output to a different port or device.
REMEDY:	Enter the appropriate MODE command for your system to redirect output. Refer to your DOS manual and/or printer manual for the correct command sequence.

7: Database Sources

Data Collection Procedures

When developing **Special Days**, we recognized the importance of its library of birth dates, events, song titles, consumer prices and other events of historical importance. Without going into all the details, many people were involved in collecting information from hundreds of different sources over a period of several months. While most of the data collection was performed in Dallas, we used source material and individuals located elsewhere in the country to supplement our local staff of data collectors.

Our special thanks goes to Patrick Kincaid and Mike Butler for permission to use some of the historical material they compiled. For more information on their offerings, write to them at: 618 Douglas Drive, Mills Valley, CA 94941.

You Can Help Us Improve The Databases

We actually invested far more development money, time and effort in the databases than in the programs - partly because of the gross inconsistencies found in the existing historical records. We constantly faced the problem of verifying a birth date or historical event across 4 or 5 references only to find, say, two of the references in conflict with several of the others. This greatly complicated the verification process and significantly delayed our bringing **Special Days** to market.

Anyone who finds and sends us additional corrections to the databases, and includes the references from which they obtained the data, will receive a free copy of the next set of new updates we make to the databases. Note that you need to send us, in addition to the corrections themselves, at least two references that support each correction. We will then check your references against some of our own material as a cross validation. When citing the references, please include the title, author, publisher, date and page number. Also indicate the exact date and text in **Special Days** that you believe is in error. Mail all corrections to: The SALINON Corporation, Database Maintenance Group, P.O. Box 31047, Dallas, TX 75231. Thanks in advance for your help.

Appendix A: Backup

Making A Backup Copy

Prior to using the system, you should make a single working copy of the **Special Days** diskette/s to guard against loss due to disk failure. You can do this by following the procedure below which uses the DOS **COPY** command. This procedure assumes:

1. You are working with 5 1/4" diskettes. If you are using a 3 1/2" diskette, follow the same process as described below for just the Program Disk.
2. You are using a computer with two floppy disk drives or one floppy drive and a hard disk. If you have only a single floppy disk drive, refer to your DOS manual for instructions on how to copy a disk.

If You Have Two Floppy Disk Drives:

Here are the steps that we recommend you follow:

1. Put the **Special Days** Program Diskette in drive A.
2. Put a newly formatted disk in drive B (you probably should format this diskette with the /S option, **FORMAT B:/S** This copies your operating system onto the diskette eliminating the need to insert your DOS disk after each **Special Days** session. See your DOS manual if you need instructions on how to format a diskette).
3. Type in **COPY A:*. * B:** and press **Enter** (↵).
4. DOS will now copy all the program and data files to your diskette in drive B. Label this disk "Program Diskette - Working Copy" and then use this copy to run **Special Days**. Store the original in a secure place in case anything happens to the working copy.
5. Repeat Steps 1 through 3 for the Database Diskette. Use a diskette formatted without the /S option to allow space for everything on the Database Disk. Label the created disk "Database Diskette - Working Copy".
6. Please remember: the License Agreement stipulates that you can only use one copy of the package at one time.

If You Have One Floppy Drive And A Hard Disk:

If you have a hard disk, you can copy **Special Days** onto it and then use the original floppy diskettes as the backup copy. **Special Days** will occupy approximately half a megabyte on your hard disk. Follow the same procedure outlined on the previous page, but instead of copying to a floppy disk drive B, copy to your hard disk C by typing in **COPY A:*. * C:**

You may want to set up a separate subdirectory on your hard disk to store all the **Special Days** routines prior to copying. Refer to your DOS manual for instructions on setting up a subdirectory and using the simple **MKDIR** command. If you do not set up a separate directory, verify before you start copying that you don't have any file names on your hard disk that are also on the **Special Days** disks (**Special Days** uses the *.exe, *.fil, *.bat, *.sdr, *.tns and *.sfp extensions). If duplicate names do exist, the **Special Days** files will load on top of them, erasing what is already there.

Information For Beginners About DOS

If you're just starting out on a PC, you may be having some trouble using DOS and understanding commands like **COPY** and **FORMAT**. Two helpful paperback books you may want to pick up are Easy DOS It! and Hard DOS It! (for hard disk systems) by Ron Bauer. They're available in many book stores for about \$5.00 each, or you can contact the publisher directly:

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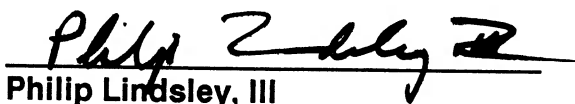
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